

motion was filed, I think it was vitiating. We did not go through with it. But we have to have that option, as we move this legislative process through.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I will be very brief. Let me just say, I appreciate the answers given by the distinguished Senator from Mississippi.

He did not answer my question as to the number of votes cast, or I should say the number of cloture votes taken, or the number of filibusters actually endured as we consider the motion to proceed. If I recall, there is not one.

Last year and the year before, there were many occasions when the majority leader was compelled to file a cloture petition because there was a filibuster on the motion to proceed.

I will simply restate for clarification, we had an agreement. The agreement was we go back to gifts when this legislation is finished. We are in violation of that agreement, No. 1. No. 2, I think it sends the wrong message about the desire of the majority to work with us in trying to accommodate an agenda. We were only given this a couple of minutes ago.

I am surprised and disappointed. We will work through it and we will certainly do our best to accommodate the schedule. We also would like to see a completion of a lot of these items. I think we can do so without throwing cloture petitions down prior to the time we even have some consultation as to whether it is necessary.

I thank the Senator. I yield the floor.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, just one further response, and I think we can move this issue along. One of the reasons we perhaps have not already finished the gift rule issue is that the majority leader wanted to accommodate the President on the Bosnian resolution question.

He deferred action from last week over to this week by agreement on both sides, and in an effort to accommodate the President and allow more time to pass so that maybe something different would change in Bosnia, or with regard to the situation in the United Nations. That is why we went back to Bosnia. Everybody understood that. We were not quite ready anyway on gift.

Plus, I might note, I do not believe there was any agreement that we would go to Ryan White before we went back to gift. We went to the Ryan White bill because there was agreement that we could take it up and hopefully complete it, and in the meantime we could continue to work on the gift rule.

We already have not done exactly what maybe was intended, but for good reason. We went to the Bosnia resolution because we did not complete it by agreement last week. We went to Ryan White because we were ready to go, and then we can keep working on the gift bill.

We will continue to work with the distinguished Democratic leader, and hopefully be able to finish all of these

ills that we have scheduled before the week is out, and at a reasonable hour on Friday, also.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate turn to the consideration of S. 908, the State Department reorganization bill, immediately following the disposition of S. 641, the Ryan White bill.

Mr. DASCHLE. I object.

FOREIGN RELATIONS REVITALIZATION ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LOTT. Therefore, I now move to proceed to S. 908, the State Department reorganization bill, and send a cloture petition to the desk on the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the petition.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to S. 908, the State Department Reorganization bill:

Dan Coats, Spencer Abraham, Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Rick Santorum, Jesse Helms, Judd Gregg, Rod Grams, Olympia Snowe, Bob Dole, Thad Cochran, Paul Coverdell, Larry E. Craig, Phil Gramm, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Don Nickles, Trent Lott.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote occur on Friday at 10 a.m. and the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I now withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate turn to the consideration of S. 961, the foreign aid authorization bill, immediately following the disposition of S. 641, the Ryan White bill.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, for all the reasons already provided, I object.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for all the reasons cited on this side, I therefore now move to proceed to S. 961, the foreign aid authorization bill, and send a cloture petition to the desk on the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to S. 961, the Foreign Assistance Authorization bill:

Dan Coats, Spencer Abraham, Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Rick Santorum, Jesse Helms, Judd Gregg, Strom Thurmond, Olympia Snowe, Bob Dole, Thad Cochran, Paul Coverdell, Larry E. Craig, Phil Gramm, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Rod Grams, Trent Lott.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote occur on Friday, immediately following the 10 a.m. cloture vote if not invoked, and that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

RYAN WHITE CARE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the intention is to have two amendments voted on back to back as near to 6 o'clock or shortly thereafter as possible. Then we will continue with two more amendments, with no further rollcall votes this evening.

Tomorrow morning, we will vote on two additional amendments, plus final passage on Ryan White.

Did I state it correctly?

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, there is a possibility of debate on another amendment that Senator GREGG has wanted to offer.

Mr. HELMS. Yes.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. That would be tomorrow morning, as well.

Mr. BRYAN. Mr. President, I talked with the distinguished floor leaders. I need 5 minutes, if possible, to be able to speak as in morning business.

I know the distinguished Senator from North Carolina has the floor. I do not want to in any way encroach upon his time. I need to do this.

Mr. HELMS. Proceed.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I would like to have the opportunity to ask—

Mr. HELMS. I still have the floor.

Mr. FORD. I apologize. I thought when you did that, you gave up the floor.

Mr. HELMS. No way, José.

Provided I do not lose my right to the floor, I yield 5 minutes to the Senator from Nevada and to the Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. KENNEDY. Will the Senator yield for a moment?